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Board Meetings

Board of Elders

The Board of Elders will meet Monday, July 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees will meet Monday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism will meet Tues., July 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Stewardship

The Board of Stewardship will meet Mon., July 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education

The Board of Education will meet Mon., July 21 at 7:00 p.m.

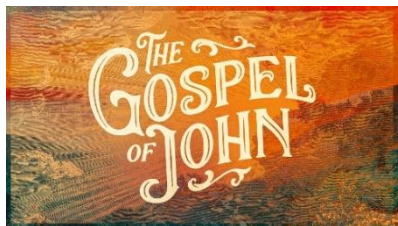
Voters' Assembly

Our Voters' Assembly will meet on Monday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Come and get involved in the work of the Church.

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on
Friday, July 4, 2025
in observance of Independence Day.





Pastor Pool's Sunday Bible Study The Gospel of John

In July, we continue our study of the Gospel of John. We are looking at this beautiful Gospel

verse by verse. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.

Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible. *Now is a wonderful time to join us in this study!*

July 6: John 12:37-50: The Word of the Prophet

July 13: John 13:1-20: Washing Feet

July 20: John 13: 21-38: A New Commandment

July 27: John 14:1-14: The Way, Truth, and Life



Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor Dreams and Visions in the Bible

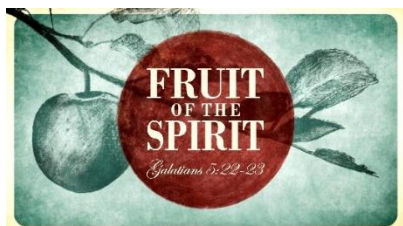
Our Tuesday Bible study continues our look at the dreams and visions of the Bible. God spoke to His ancient people in various ways.

We will look at the experiences of the Patriarchs, Prophets, and Pentecost. Our

goal will be to understand how and why God gave these revelations. We meet the first and third Tuesdays. We have two class options at 9:30am or 7:00pm.

July 1: Ezekiel's Vision: Ezekiel 1

July 15: The Vision of the New Temple



Summer Services: The Fruit of the Spirit

June, July, and August at 7:00 pm. Please note that we do not have service on July 30. Pastor will be away at the Higher Things Youth Conference.

July 2: Goodness

July 9: Kindness

July 16: Patience

July 23: Peace

July 30: No service this week!



The Fruit of the Spirit

Have you joined us for our Summer Wednesday Sermon Series on the Fruit of the Spirit? All the services and sermons are available online on our website. Catch up with us and worship with us on Wednesdays.

We find the list of fruit in Galatians 5:22-23. We are addressing each of these virtues one by one. And we have been setting this list in our memories, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

These are qualities that we should form in our families. Let’s take responsibility in growing in such virtues ourselves. Character formation is a missing element in popular culture and sometimes even in Christian culture. We get the idea that these virtues will just happen naturally or automatically. I want us to be deliberate about such things.

Even so, character formation is the work of the Spirit. This is not just about the right techniques. Ultimately, these are qualities we see in Jesus and we desire to be like Him. We rely on the Spirit to work such things in us. He sets His desires in us through the Word of God and at His Table. Let’s read and receive with this specific work in mind. We are becoming the kind of people God would have us to be by the power of the Spirit.

Prayer is also a valuable tool in character formation. We should pray that God works the Fruit of the Spirit into our hearts and lives. I shared a prayer with my first sermon in this series. And I want it to be our prayer as well. This prayer was written and prayed by an influential theologian of the last century, John Stott. I hope you find it worthwhile and that it challenges you to grow.

“Heavenly Father, I pray that this day I may live in Your presence and please You more and more. Lord Jesus, I pray that this day I may take up my cross and follow You. Holy Spirit, I

pray that this day you will fill me with Yourself and cause Your fruit to ripen in my life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.”

God’s Peace,
Pastor

Mary Martha Potluck Picnic

The Mary Martha Potluck Picnic will be Tuesday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m. Members are asked to bring a dish to share and a wrapped \$5 gift to be used as a prize for cards and “Dirty Bingo.” The meat, beverages, and table service will be furnished. Altar volunteers and guests are welcome to join us.



Fall Confirmation Class

Save the date for youth catechesis leading to Confirmation, beginning Wednesday, September 3. Class is available to students’ entering 6th or 7th grades (or above). Students should have the 10 Commandments, Lord’s Prayer, and Apostles’ Creed

learned by heart before class begins. Using the *Small Catechism* in family devotions will be helpful preparation also. Call the church to register: 563-242-5588.

Operation Christmas Child

In July we are collecting **NEW Under Garments & Socks for Boys & Girls, ages 2-4, 5-9 & 10-14.** Please place your donations in the bin in the fellowship hall.





St. John Family Nights

Each Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., we will be having a family night intended for families with kids Pre-K through 5th grade. The night will include a shared meal, devotions, singing, fun, and

time with the Small Catechism. Parents will meet together with kids and also with each other for conversation. We are looking for help with meals and clean-up. Please let Debby Gosnell know if you can help.

Mark Your Calendar For Our Next Blood Drive



St. John Blood Drive

Friday, September 19, 2025

12:30 – 4:30 P.M.

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

You can also call the church office
and Camil can help you set up an appointment.
Please help us meet our goal of 35 appointments!

Preschool News

St. John preschool is accepting applications for the 2025/2026 school year. You may begin the registration process at: www.stjohn-clinton-ia.org under the preschool tab. For more information, please contact our Director, Cindy Sperry, or Camil Dell at the church office, 563-242-5588 or email us at: csperry@stjohn-clinton-ia.org, cdell@stjohn-clinton-ia.org



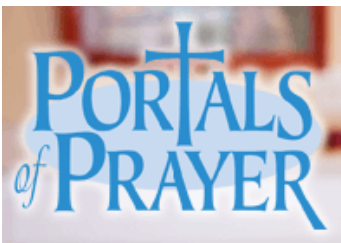
Raise Right Fundraiser For Our Preschool

Raise Right Order forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Our next order is due on Sunday, **July 6**. Please put completed order forms and payments in the blue box. Thank you for participating in the Raise Right fundraising program for our preschool.



Children's Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School will meet on the first Sunday of the month, beginning at 9:00 a.m., during the Summer. Kids of all ages are invited to join us on July 6 and August 3. The theme for Summer Sunday School is "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord all the Earth." Each class will include a lesson and music-centered craft.



Portals of Prayer

The July – September Portals of Prayer is now available upstairs on the guestbook stand, table and piano, and downstairs in the fellowship hall. Please pick one up today.



Higher Things

This month the Higher Things Youth Conference will be held on July 29 - August 1, 2025 at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, MI. The conference is entitled: *ALL THINGS NEW*. St. John has 3 youth and 3 adults attending. Thrivent

Choice dollars help to pay for our Higher Things trips so, if you are a Thrivent member, consider directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John. You may also designate your weekly offering by writing Higher Things on your weekly offering envelope. Thank you for your support!



COME VISIT THE
CHURCH LIBRARY

Check It Out At The St. John Lutheran Church Library

You are invited to come and visit our church library.

The library has many reference books, catechisms, commentaries, encyclopedias, and question and answer books available. There is also a collection of fiction books, as well as, devotionals and biographies. And, the kids will love checking out the children's videos and books which are especially suited just for them.

The church library is for the use of all members and their families, and is accessible anytime that the church is open. It's easy to use, and there are no fines or due dates. Why not stop in today and take advantage of this awesome, free, resource?

Thank You Vacation Bible School Volunteers



Thank you to those who worked long and hard at VBS. Thank you also to the parents, guardians and others who brought the children to VBS each day and who gave donations of money and baked yummy cookies.

We couldn't do VBS without our awesome volunteers!

CONGRATULATIONS!



July Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Lois Meyermann, who will be 96 on July 2.
Janice Edwards, who will be 84 on July 20.
Sylvia Lorenzen, who will be 90 on July 21
Harlan Gluesing, who will be 82 on July 24.



July Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to:

David & Joyce Martinez, 55th
Anniversary on July 25.

We list birthdays 80 and above and anniversaries for year one and every five years thereafter unless we receive a request not to do so.

Holy Communion at Home

If you are at home and would like a visit from Pastor, please call the office to set up an appointment. He is glad to come and bring you God's Word and the Sacrament. Pastor also does a monthly service at the Alverno on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30. Visitors are generally welcome to attend.



THOSE WHO SERVE IN JULY

Early

Elders: Kurt Flathers
Rick Eizenga

Ushers: Brent Pladna
Calvin Lange
Will Schemers

Late

Elders: Troy Bialas
Tom Hardersen

Ushers: Kevin Montgomery
Shawn Kuhse

Recording

6 Darlene Paysen
13 Darlene Paysen
20 Darlene Paysen
27 Darlene Paysen

Acolyte Schedule

6 Early Elder
6 Late Elder
13 Early Elder
13 Late Elder
20 Early Elder
20 Late Elder
27 Early Elder
27 Late Lainey Schroeder

Wednesday Night Elders

2 Dave Reynolds
9 Bill Ross
16 Rick Eizenga
23 James McHugh
30 Lucas Krueger

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: JULY 20

If you would like to put any information in the newsletter, contact Camil Dell, and get her the information by July 20.

